(c) whether the Roll Numbers of the candidates in the waiting list have also been shown in the list of those called for interview;

(d) what are the names and marks obtained by the candidate who are called for interview; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in the matter of these irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Rules regarding Reimbursement of Claims to Medicines Procured from Chemists

3916. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have modified the rules in July, 1994 relating to reimbursement of claims to medicines procured from chemists prescribed outside the CGHS formulary;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that with the implementation of the above orders, the CGHS beneficiaries with low income will be put to additional burden of spending the money for purchase of CGHS medicines from their own pocket which in many a cases may not be possible to afford;

(d) if so, what is Government reaction thereto and what steps Government are taking in the matter;

(e) whether it is a fact that the VIPs availing of CGHS facility will continue to avail the benefits from their respective dispensaries as before;

(f) if so, what are the reasons for two types of standards for CGHS beneficiaries; and

(g) what steps Government are taking to remove the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (g) The position is the CGHS beneficiaries have been broadly divided into serving government servants and pensioners. While the former are required to directly purchase the non formulary medicines prescribed by specialists directly from any local chemist and then claim reimbursement of the expenditure involved from the service head of their department/ office, the pensioners would continue to get such medicines from the dispensaries, as in the past. It would not involve any additional financial burden on any category of employees, as the expenditure involved would be quickly raimbursed by their respective offices. There is not discrimination of any type between VIPs and other beneficiaries.

Oral Vaccine for Rabid Animals

3917. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Health Organisation has been successful in evolving and administering oral rabies vaccines on different rabid animals;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken and schemes implemented to immunise free roaming dogs in different cities, metropolises and rural India; and

(c) what is the latest assessment about street dog population in Delhi, Bombay, Ahmadabad and other major cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The World Health Organisation has succeeded in evolving and administering "Oral Rabies Vaccines" to rabies prone wild animals like jackals and foxes, which are likely to transmit rabies to domestic animals.

(b) For assessing the efficacy of the vaccines, the World Health Organisation is planning to conduct large scale field trials on oral immunisation of dogs in some countries.

(c) Reliable imformation is not available.

Opening up of Consultation Service in Ayurveda and Homoeopathy in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital

3918. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND

FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to open consultation chamber in Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia and Safdarjung Hospital for providing special consultation in Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic therapy; and

(b) by when Government propose to start these facilities in these hospitals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Report in the British Medical Journal about Children's Medicines

3919. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a report published in British Medical Journal it has been stated that a recent study revealed about 80% of children's oral medicines were produced as liquids, although generally tablets may be used effectively in children;

(b) whether Government have examined the study report; and

(c) if so, what steps are being contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A limited survey was carried out by a Medical College in Karnataka State covering a few pharmacies.

(c) Paediatric formulations are prefered because of their easy administration. Different Pharmacopoeias also monograph paediatric formulations mostly in liquid dosage form. In view of this, Government do not propose taking any step in this regard.

Proposal to bring Doctors within the purview of the Consumer protection Act

3920. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to bring Doctors within the purview of the Consumer Protection Act since they provide a service;

(b) whether Government have received representation/suggestions in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) All services including services rendered by Doctors which are availed of for consideration are already covered under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Target for Family Planning

3921. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target set by the States for much talked family planning during the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) whether Government propose to launch any new scheme so as to encourage family planning among the people of the country; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The Eighth Five Year Plan has set the following goals:

(1) Crude Birth Rate (per thousand population)	26
(2) Infant Mortality Rate (per thousand live births)	70

(b) and (c) An Action Plan is under implementation. It includes a differntial approach to poor performing areas, innovative approaches in IEC activities, greater involvement of NGOs, active community participation, improved mother and child health care, etc.

Appointment of Homoeopathic Pharmacists

3922. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: